Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 09 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 10 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 08 Mar 2021 at 14:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for details of cloud breaks on Tuesday. High for unsettled weather for the rest of the week.

Headline for Tuesday 09 Mar 2021: Rather cloudy, chance of a little light rain at first. Gales and summit blizzards developing after dark.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 09 Mar 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Fog	Fog	Fog	Sunny intervals	Light rain	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
40%	60%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%	30%	>95%

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Weather: Extensive low cloud and some patchy light rain at first, although ranges northeast of Aviemore may start off bright. Otherwise dry for daylight hours, low cloud gradually breaking and thinning by early afternoon although may prove persistent across Cairngorms and the far east. Rain with higher summit snow and southerly gales extending east in the evening, leading to blizzard conditions on the very highest tops after dark.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%

Visibility: Widely poor in the morning in cloud down to 400 metres. This cloud becoming confined to the Cairngorm area in the afternoon, patchy around 600 metres elsewhere with visibility outside of cloud becoming good.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	11/15 S	16/21 S	15/21 S	19/26 S	24/33 S	31/43 S	40/57 S	49/70 S	44/64 S
900	11/15 S	15/20 S	15/20 S	19/25 S	25/34 S	33/45 S	39/55 S	50/71 S	46/67 S
600	5/10 SW	9/15 S	10/14 S	14/21 S	17/27 S	24/38 S	28/44 S	36/57 S	34/55 S
300	4/9 SW	3/10 S	5/12 SW	6/16 S	11/23 S	13/28 S	16/35 S	23/49 S	23/49 S
Glen	5/14 SW	4/15 S	5/16 S	5/16 S	8/22 S	8/25 S	7/26 S	10/38 S	10/38 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-2/-7	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-12	-2/-12	-3/-13
900	2/-2	2/-3	2/-3	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	1/-7	1/-8	0/-8
600	4/2	4/0	4/0	4/-0	4/-1	4/-1	4/-3	3/-4	3/-5
300	4/3	4/2	3/1	5/3	8/4	7/4	6/2	6/1	5/-0
Glen	5/2	4/2	4/2	6/4	9/6	9/5	7/4	6/2	6/1
Freezing Level*	1200m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Higher summit gales developing through the afternoon with storm force winds expected by evening.

Forecast for Wednesday 10 Mar 2021

Weather: Chance of an isolated snow shower in the morning, otherwise mainly dry and bright. Thickening cloud will bring widespread rain, preceded by snow above 800 metres, from the southwest through the afternoon. Turning drier and somewhat clearer after dark, but still with some outbreaks of rain, and snow above 800 metres.

Maximum wind: Southerly gales on summits with gusts of 50 to 70 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%. Best chance in the morning.

Visibility: Good in the morning, but becoming poor in rain and extensive low cloud between 500 and 800 metres in the afternoon, although this breaking up in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to 9 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 1 rising to plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 700 metres, rising above summits in the afternoon, dropping back to 1200 metres in the evening

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